Extension of power purchase preference policy

2022. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to extend power purchase preference policy for products and services of Central PSUs, which is done after expiry, for another two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to make PSUs cost-efficient and self-supportive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) There is a purchase preference policy for products and services of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) which has been reviewed and extended from time to time. Government has extended the existing policy till the end of the current financial year *i.e.* upto 31.3.2005. A Group of Ministers has been constituted to look into the issues relating to further extension/ continuance of the policy.

(d) Enterprise specific steps for performance improvement are taken by the concerned CPSE and administrative Ministry or Department.

Heavy Industries in Madhya Pradesh

†2023. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector heavy industries in Madhya Pradesh have achieved the production target during the year 2003-04;

(b) if so, the details thereof, industry-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) There is only one PSE under the Department of Heavy Industry, namely, NEPA Ltd., which has headquarter as well as manufacturing unit located in Madhya Pradesh. However, there are 3 other PSEs having unit(s) in Madhya Pradesh namely Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Cement

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